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Dear Richard,

Something I've owe you since your call has been on my mind but I did not want to take your time. Now I owe you two, so I do.

I just assumed that you would be copublisher. Fine. I see no conflict unless you do. I leave just about all up to you on my end. My major interst is what it has been, fastest possible publishing, that is what Graf wants if he goes for it, full speed ahead!

It he does overcome that great handicap of that very dirty copy and does go for it and if Peter, of whom I've formed a high opinion without ever meeting him, does the editing and asks me if he has question, I'm ready to agree to that in advance and speed things up that much more. I am that confident about what I'd doing. and what it can take.

And the encouragement of the possibility of interest was so good for me I've turned to ridiculing this bastard, all as solid as you can imagine, too. And there will be more.

His pose almost demands it, and his evil and dishonesty do, too.

I've three chapters more in rough, meaning entirely unread, because they are that closely related and I do worry about needless repetition. I doubt I'll have the time to read them continuously beginning tomorrow but I will over the weekend.

Anyway, I want you to know what I think you knew, you have a free hand if Graf goes for it. I think it will be a rare book and a good one and I think he really does need something both entirely factual and entirely different and real in being different.

Remembering what you said after reading part of NEVER AGAIN! and believing it appropriate, I've worked a lot of first person stuff in. I think it will make interesting and entirely different reading on this subject.

Also looking ahead, if I have not heard from Failure Analysis by the time I get to that part, the ultimate of a debunkery and evisceration of an ending, I can make do with what I have and then submit different copy or add when I do hear. If I do.

This has been a very enjoyable if rather tiring day. I really think no big success has ever been as completely and as accurately and fairly ridiculed. With some additional CIA connection worked in today as part of that ridicule.

Best,

Harold

9/24. 2 a.m.! Graf is 100% correct on all possible speed. Posner is getting enormous international attention. Yesterday I got copies of two Australian papers with his stuff. One gave it three pages, including the entire front page of a section. But as I presume he can he thinks and acts with what I consider intellectual judo that enormous attention can redound against him with what you will see is an exposure of the most massive dishonesty and whatever lawyers may think of it, the most extensive stealing. He is shunning me. Promised copy of book and promotional material not yet received and won't be. I am as confident about what I've done as I can be and about what with the opportunity it can do. If he goes for it and wants me to, I'll write Tom Wicker, one of dust-jacket endorsers, and maybe Ambrose, the historian, another, and see if I can turn them on over their trust being imposed upon and their reputations besmirched. I think more and more, from my own reporting and promotional experiences, that as soon as he agrees, as I hope he does, the pot should start boiling.